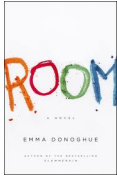


## Room : a novel

# March Books Plus Discussion



Please join us on Sunday, March 4 to discuss the intriguing premise of Emma

Donoghue's *Room*. Here's how the author described the genesis of the book, "In my experience, the bond between mother and newborn is a tiny, cozy world that gradually relaxes its magic to let the rest of the world in. But motherhood -- even under ideal circumstances -- also has elements of nightmare as well as fairy tale, sci-fi as well as realism: it's a trip like no other, and it can occasionally feel like (let's admit it, shall we, mothers of the world?) a locked room."

This highly acclaimed novel was voted the One Book One Bloomington title for 2012. Please come and share your opinions and ideas about this topic.

Books Plus meets the first Sunday of each month. All are welcome. Join the discussion or simply come to listen.

No registration necessary. **Drop in.**

**2 p.m., First Sundays**

See the full spring schedule below.

**March 4 -- *Room* by Emma Donoghue -- One Book One Bloomington Community Read!**

Discussion Leader: Wendy Rubin

"Gripping, riveting, and close to the bone, this story grabs you and doesn't let go. Donoghue skillfully builds a suspenseful narrative evoking fear and hate and hope--but most of all, the triumph of a mother's ferocious love." -- Library Journal

**April 1 -- *Wind, Water, Forest, Stone: Poems about the Green Earth***

Discussion Leader: Dory Lynch

Join us in April to celebrate National Poetry Month. This year we'll explore the world of nature poetry. For centuries, poets have praised rivers, streams, mountains, animals, and flowers. From the early Greeks to Native American chants to modern writers such as Mary Oliver, Robert Hass, Gary Snyder, and Louise Glück poets have been inspired by the world around them. Please bring a nature poem that has touched you. Let's join our voices in celebrating this beautiful Earth.

"The wind sings in its turnings, / water murmurs as it goes..." Octavia Paz

**May 6 -- *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck**

Discussion Leader: Doris Lynch

This book "reads as if it had been composed in a flash, ripped off the typewriter and delivered to the public as an ultimatum. It is a long and thoughtful novel as one thinks about it. It is a short and vivid scene as one feels it." -- New York Times Book Review, April 1939

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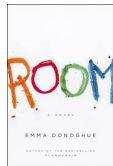
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## One Book One Bloomington 2012



Last night, the 2012 One Book, One Bloomington Community Read title was announced

on WFHB's Interchange radio program.

This year, the community voted for Room by Emma Donoghue

Jack is a typical five-year-old who enjoys watching TV, reading, and playing games with his Ma. But he has lived all of his life in a single room. The room is his world, shared with his Ma, and occasionally with Old Nick, a mysterious and unnerving nighttime visitor. Told from the perspective of Jack, the novel explores not only survival in captivity but also what happens when captivity ends and the world expands beyond the four walls of Room.

"Room is beautifully written as a first-person narrative from Jack's perspective, and within it, Donoghue has constructed a quiet, private, and menacing world that slowly unbends with a mother and son's love and determination." - Booklist

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Please visit [www.mcpl.info/page/one-book-one-bloomington](http://www.mcpl.info/page/one-book-one-bloomington) for upcoming information on public book discussions and a related film festival. Or listen to the podcast of last night's Interchange radio broadcast on the [WFHB website](http://www.wfhb.org).

Check out *Room* today...join our Community Read this spring!

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